

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Nathalie VAST et al.**

Art Unit: **1794**

Application Number: **10/541,202**

Examiner: **Sathavaram I Reddy**

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For: **SHEET WITH AN ANTICOPYING, REDUCED OPACITY AREA**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 20, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- (I) claims 1-3 and 10-12, directed to a printable security paper,
- (II) claims 4-9 and 13-20, directed to a security document.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 1-3 and 10-12** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **with traverse, as set forth below.**

Further, it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. Claim 4 is dependent on claim 1, so that claims 1 and 4 share a common special technical feature in accordance with PCT Rule 13. See 37 C.F.R. 1.475(a). The recitation and dependency of claim 4 on claim 1 has been clarified by the supplemental preliminary amendment submitted with this paper. More specifically, here, claims 1 and 4 are related as combination and subcombination.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and all claims examined together in this application.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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